

What is claimed is:

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1. A method for editing motion pictures, the method comprising:
transferring visual images from motion picture film to a high definition video storage medium;
transferring the visual images from at least one of the group consisting of
5 the motion picture film and the high definition video storage medium to a digital data storage format adapted for use with digital nonlinear motion picture editing equipment;
after the visual images have been transferred to the high definition video storage medium, using the digital nonlinear motion picture editing equipment to generate an edit decision list; and
10 conforming the motion picture film to the edit decision list.
 2. The method of claim 1, and wherein the high definition video storage medium is adapted to store visual images having at least 550 horizontal lines.
 3. The method of claim 2, and wherein the high definition video storage medium is adapted to store visual images having at least 800 horizontal lines.
 4. The method of claim 3, and wherein the high definition video storage medium is adapted to store images having at least 1000 horizontal lines.
 5. The method of claim 1, and wherein the digital data storage format is adapted for storage on at least one high-capacity magnetic disk drive adapted for use with the digital nonlinear motion picture editing equipment.
 6. The method of claim 1, and wherein transferring the visual images from at least one of the group consisting of the motion picture film and the high

definition video storage medium to a digital data storage format adapted for use with the digital nonlinear motion picture editing equipment includes:

5 transferring the visual images from at least one of the group consisting of the motion picture film and the high definition video storage medium to a low definition video storage medium; and

10 transferring the visual images from the low definition video storage medium to a digital storage format adapted for use with the digital nonlinear motion picture editing equipment.

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7. The method of claim 1, and further comprising:

before the motion picture film is conformed to the edit decision list, using the digital nonlinear motion picture editing equipment to generate an interim edit decision list; and

5 conforming the visual images stored on the high definition video storage medium to the interim edit decision list.

8. The method of claim 1, and further comprising:

transforming the aspect ratio of the visual images from a first aspect ratio to a second aspect ratio as the visual images are transferred from the motion picture film to the high definition video storage medium;

5 transforming the aspect ratio of the visual images from the second aspect ratio back to the first aspect ratio; and

displaying the transformed visual images from the high definition video storage medium in the first aspect ratio.

9. The method of claim 8, and wherein transforming the aspect ratio of the visual images from the first aspect ratio to the second aspect ratio includes transforming the aspect ratio of the visual images electronically.

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10. The method of claim 8, and wherein transforming the aspect ratio of the visual images from the second aspect ratio back to the first aspect ratio includes transforming the aspect ratio of the visual images optically.

11. The method of claim 10, and wherein transforming the aspect ratio of the visual images optically includes projecting the visual images through a reverse anamorphic projection lens.

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